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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF CHANDLER LODGE #138

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Greetings,

January just went by too fast for me. And now we are into February. We have a lot of notes for you to read. Several of the line officers, myself included, are striving to attend all of the lodge inspections this year. Anyone wishing to go with us is welcome, just give me call or send me an email.

Brian is planning to start practicing for our inspection at our meetings in February. I would invite all our brothers to come out and help and support us as we get ready.

We are working up the final designs for our lodge shirts. I am taking orders. Size S - XL will be \$18.00 and XXL and up will be \$20.00. Please contact me to place your order or for more information.

Paul A. Thompson
Editor

TEMPLE CALENDAR

Feb 3 rd	Blue Lodge	Annual Inspection @ Mt. Olivet	6:00 p.m.
Feb 7 th	Rainbow	Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Feb 8 th	Chapter/Council	Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Feb 10 th	Blue Lodge	Annual Inspection @ New Carlisle	9:00 a.m.
Feb 12 th	Odd Fellows	Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Feb 13 th	Chandler	Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Feb 14 th	Scottish Rite	Madison County Scottish Rite Dinner	6:30 p.m.
Feb 21 st	Rainbow	Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Feb 22 nd	Commandery	Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Feb 24 th	Blue Lodge	Annual Inspection @ Fielding	7:00 p.m.
Feb 26 th	Odd Fellows	Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Feb 27 th	Chandler	Stated Meeting	7:30 p.m.

NEWS AND NOTES

Congratulations to the newest member of Chandler Lodge, Brother Jeremy Christian received the 3rd degree on January 16th. Thanks to our craft team for performing on a special meeting night, and thanks to Jeremy for completing his work proficiently and quickly.

The book drive for the County Library has begun!! We have set-up a table in the dining room for your donations. New and Used good condition Books are wanted. Cash donations to purchase new books are also being collected.

The 9th District is planning a 'Fun Run' for classic cars and motorcycles and is open to anyone. There will be silent auctions, trophy presentations, lunch and a ride around our district. It is scheduled for May 19th. We will be getting more details soon.

The Madison County Scottish Rite Dinner is February 14th at the Der Dutchmen in Plain City @ 6:30 p.m. Members Free, ladies \$12.00 with reservations due by February 7th contact our Ambassador Brian Knoll or the Valley Secretary Fred S. Kile.614.873.8226

Plans for the One-day class on March 31st are underway. Not only do we need candidates, we also need volunteers, for the officers, craft, lectures and charges to put this great day together. Volunteers may contact our Master or the District Officers for more information.

Grand Masters 9th District Reception is scheduled for June 2nd 6:30 p.m. at the Der Dutchmen in Plain City. The next day will be all Masonic Home Day festivities.

The Valley of Columbus has Tickets for the Blue Jackets game on Feb 25th. \$20.00 gets you admission, drink, hot dog and popcorn. Parking is not included but this is a great price for an evening out. Our Master will be sending in the reservation form on Feb 10th so please contact us promptly if you wish to attend. (Pre-paid reservations only)

The 9th district Golf Outing is returning to Locust Hills this year. Cost will be 50.00 and includes the fees, cart, prizes, and the fine meal. Mark July 28th on your calendar.

161st Annual Inspection----Saturday March 17th 2007 Steak & Potatoes dinner for \$10.00 will be served at 6:00 p.m. The Fellowcraft degree opens promptly at 7:00p.m. See you there!!

WE CURRENTLY LIMIT OUR ISSUES TO 100 OF OUR LOCAL MEMBERS TO KEEP THE POSTAGE COSTS DOWN. IF YOU WOULD PREFER THE E-MAIL VERSION CONTACT PAUL THOMPSON @ 740-845-1162 OR chandlerlodge138@yahoo.com THIS IS FOR THE NEWSLETTER ONLY; ALL OTHER LODGE COMMUNICATIONS WILL REMAIN THE SAME.

A NOTE FROM OUR EDUCATIONAL OFFICER

MASONIC DATES ARE WRITTEN A.L. FOR "ANNO LUCIS" OR "IN THE YEAR OF LIGHT" WHICH IS 4000 YEARS PLUS THE CURRENT YEAR. THIS COMES FROM THE BELIEF THAT THE WORLD WAS CREATED WHEN GOD SAID "LET THERE BE LIGHT" 4000 YEARS BEFORE CHRIST.

JIM HYSELL,LEO FEB,6007

Master's Message

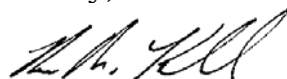
We'll I'm sorry to say that most of you have missed another great month of activities with your lodge. Although our attendance has been weaker than I would like the active members have been enjoying themselves and have pressed on with our duties. In the last few weeks we completed the 3rd Degree on Brother Jeremy Christian, he completed his exams flawlessly and I can tell he will become a great asset to our lodge. When you see Jeremy congratulate him, and remember when you were a new brother of the lodge, let us continue educating him, and make him feel welcome. Also last month we held the Table Lodge of Instruction. This evening was one of the best that I have ever had at our lodge. Our meal was superb, with Bro. Paul Thompson filling in as chief cook at the last minute. The Guest speaker was very distinguished in Masonry and accomplished in society, having written books and professional speaking engagements. The topic 'Masonic Builders of Cathedrals' included pictures from all over Europe and 16th & 17th century tools of the trade. We concluded the evening with the Ceremony of the Seven Toast, and it was very impressive. Any way it's sad that more of you don't join us for these fun events. Last month we even made the Madison Press for all our efforts during the holidays.

Now the Inspection cycle has begun. We will be traveling and the Officers will be practicing the 2nd Degree. This year our inspection is on Saturday March 17th with steak dinner at six and work at 7:00 p.m. I hope our membership and especially our Past Masters come join us and spend time with our visiting brothers from across the district.

Also don't forget about your candidates & petitions for the One-Day Class. Recently I had the dis-pleasure of suspending some of our brothers for non-payment of dues. We made every attempt to retain these brothers but the lodge cannot afford to remit the grand lodge with dues for non-compliant brothers. Even with the One-day class I fear that we will show a net loss for our annual membership. That is the reason we have sent each of you a petition and class details for you to discuss with your potential candidates. Please remember the deadline for one-day petitions is the February 27th stated meeting, so that we may have time to investigate and ballot in the usual manner.

We do not have a lot of special items scheduled for February because of the inspection travel, but I do encourage each of you to come visit us more often, enjoy your fraternity, and support your lodge.

Fraternally,


WORSHIPFUL MASTER

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